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## Litter Abatement Funds

For 2003, 117 counties and 235 cities have received House Bill 174 litter funds, to conduct this year's (calendar year 2003) litter abatement activities. As part of their funding agreement, counties conduct three (3) public road clean-ups and cities conduct two (2). Both cities and counties must use the funds for anti-litter control programs and litter cleanup on public roads. Counties must report on their 2003 calendar year activities in March 2004, as part of their county annual report to the Division of Waste Management. Cities have agreed to report to their county solid waste coordinator by February 1 so the county can include the city information in the March report. Coun-

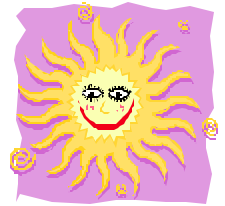
ties can refer to the 2002 Annual Report form to get an idea of what they will be required to report for 2003. There are many questions regarding acceptable expenditures for the litter money. We are drafting a regulation for further clarification on this issue, but in the meantime we provide the following information:

The litter money is provided from the Department of Transportation's Road Fund and Highway Construction Contingency Fund. A constitutional restriction requires that funds from the Highway Construction Contingency Fund be used on roadways—and in the case of HB 174—for litter abatement programs.

Acceptable ways to spend litter abatement funds are:

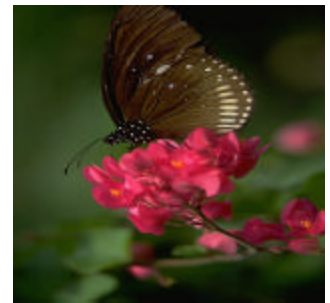
- \* Documented county employee time cleaning litter.

- o For example, two employees from the county road department clean litter along public roads for 8 hours two days in a week. For those two days, the employee's salaries could come from the litter abatement funds.
- o If a county sheriff or deputy sheriff takes inmates out to clean litter along roadways three days a week, the salary for the days the sheriff or deputy are with inmates cleaning litter could come from the litter abatement funds. Lunch provided during the clean-ups for inmates and volunteers can be paid for



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### SUBMISSIONS PLEASE!

We want to highlight YOUR county! Please submit ideas, success stories, pictures, helpful hints, etc. to our office! We are able to scan photos sent by mail or you can send your scanned or digital photographs to [melinda.meredith@mail.state.ky.us](mailto:melinda.meredith@mail.state.ky.us).



with litter funds.

- \* Actual disposal costs for litter cleanups
- \* Costs associated with miscellaneous material needs to perform the litter cleanups, i.e. gloves, trash bags, bug spray, safety vests, litter pick-up sticks, etc.
- \* Equipment – The purchase of equipment is still a pending question. Until we receive further guidance, we **do not** recommend the purchase of equipment with litter funds. However, you may claim an hourly or mileage amount for equipment used in cleaning litter.
- \* The purchase of litter baskets to be placed in public areas, public roadways.
- \* A small portion of the litter abatement funds may be used for advertising litter activities and educating the county on litter abatement.

Counties and cities are required to provide a 25% match to the litter funds. The 25% match may be in cash or in-kind services. “In-kind” services means the value of **non-cash contributions** provided by parties. In-kind contributions may be in the form of real property, equipment, supplies and other expendable property, and the value of goods and services directly benefiting and spe-

cifically identifiable to the project or program.

Examples of “in-kind” are:

- Adopt-A-Highway volunteers at \$6.00/hour.
- Inmate labor at \$6.00/hour – provided the county is not paying the jail any money.
- Items donated for litter use - trash bags, gloves, vests, hats, etc.
- Free disposal at a landfill.
- A contractor donating his time or equipment to the county to clean a dump.

County employees’ time is not an in-kind service because the county is paying the employees a salary. However, the county employees’ time that is devoted to litter abatement activities can be paid for through litter funds.

Cities must document their litter expenditures and report the expenditures to the county. Counties must document their litter expenditures and report the expenditures on the annual report each year. Copies of receipts, log sheets kept by county employees picking up litter, county employee timesheets, documentation from volunteer groups on hours spent picking up litter and number of bags of waste collected, verified log sheets on inmate labor cleaning roadways, copies of education related material, media coverage, cleanup articles – these are types of documentation the county

will need to keep to verify proper expenditures of the litter funds.

### Statewide Solid Waste Workshop

Mark your calendars! The statewide Solid Waste Workshop will be held November 13-14, 2003 at the Marriott in Lexington, Kentucky. Along with invitations to county judge executives, 109 board members, solid waste coordinators and area development districts, this workshop has been expanded to include cooperative extension staff, conservation districts, University of Kentucky representatives and staff from the Department of Education and PRIDE.

This year we are joining with the Solid Waste Education Task Force to bring you another great workshop. Day One of the workshop will be on Solid Waste Communication and Day Two will be on Solid Waste Education. More information on the specific topics will be coming at a later date.

When you call the Marriott at 859-288-6105 to make your reservations, tell them you are with the State Solid Waste Education Workshop. The rate is \$65.00 for a single and \$85.00 for a double. Make sure you bring your tax-exempt form and let them know when you make your res-

ervation about your tax exempt status. We will also be presenting the 2002 Solid Waste Awards so don't miss it!

### Meet New Local Assistance Staff

The Local Assistance Section is happy to introduce two (2) new employees that joined our section on February 16, 2003.

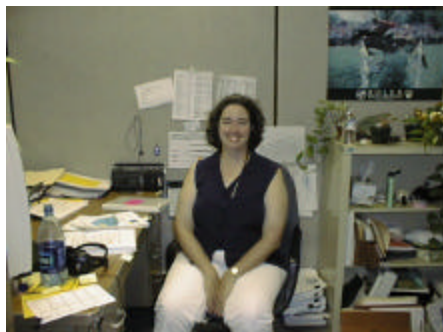
Lynn Brammer transferred from the Division of Water, Frankfort Regional



Office as an Inspector.

Lynn has a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Science from Georgetown College. She is the Local Assistance Representative for 20 counties in the Purchase, Green River and FIVCO areas.

Jennifer Spradlin transferred from the Division of Waste Management, Underground Storage Tank Branch, where she was an Environmental Technologist II.



Jennifer has a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science from the University of Kentucky. She is the Local Assistance Representative for 19 counties in the Pennyrite and Barren River areas.

We hope you are as excited as we are to have them on board!

### Great American Cleanup - Commonwealth Cleanup Results

Below are the outstanding results of Kentucky's activities during the Great American Cleanup (March 1-May 31, 2003), which includes Commonwealth Cleanup Week, Bluegrass and Eastern Kentucky PRIDE cleanup, and Adopt-A-Highway cleanup, as well as many locally organized activities.

- + Over 500 events held
- + 67,817 volunteers participated
- + 355 communities held cleanup activities
- + 19,942,000 pounds of litter and debris collected
- + Over 5,000 miles of streets, roads, or highways cleaned
- + Over 96 counties participated
- + 169 miles of rivers, lakes & shorelines cleaned
- + 277 illegal dumpsites

cleaned

- + 200 junk cars removed
- + 81,834 tons of aluminum/steel recycled
- + 465,340 tires collected for recycling

We are already planning for next years' Commonwealth Cleanup Week with an emphasis on Enforcement. We will be enlisting Kentucky State Police and local law enforcement to issue litter citations during that week and send the message that Kentucky is serious about stopping litter.

### Birth Announcement

Billy Hill and his wife, Lauren, are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Sophie Amelia Hill born May 22, 2003. Billy and Lauren are adjusting to parenthood and sleep deprivation!



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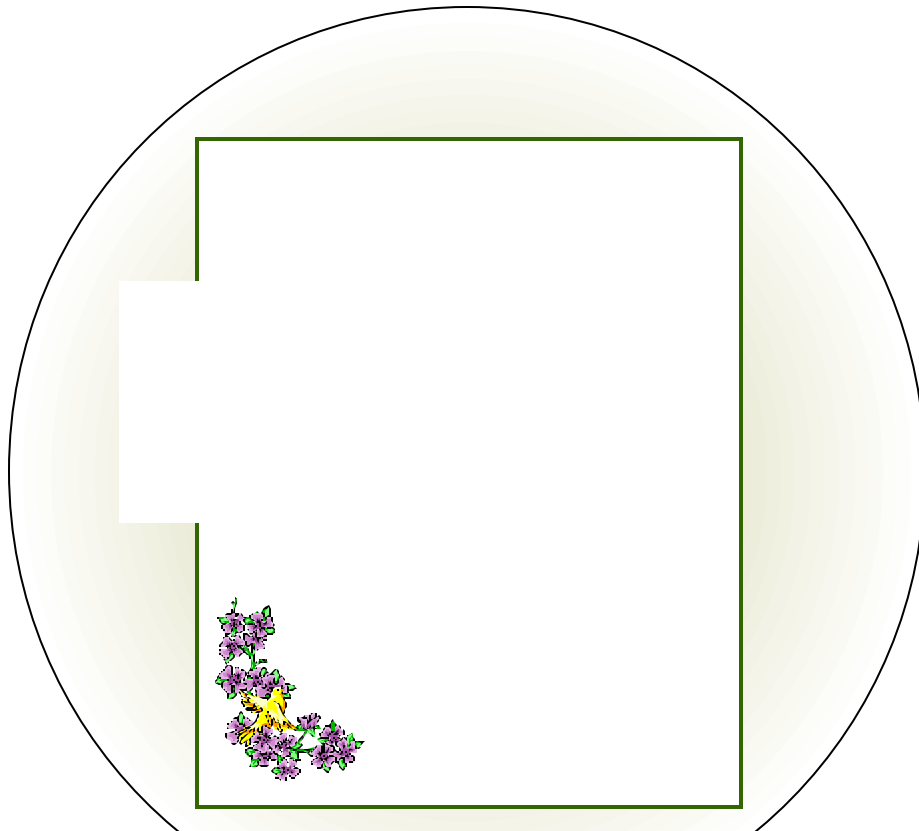
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